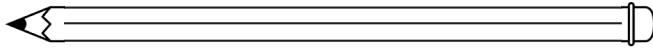


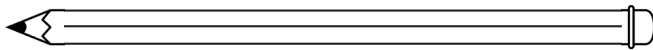
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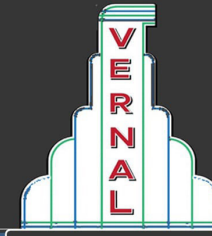
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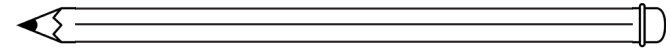
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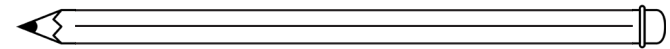


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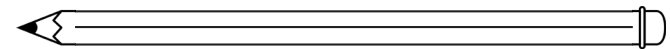


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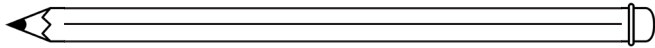
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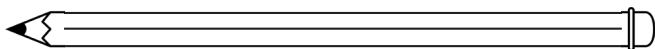
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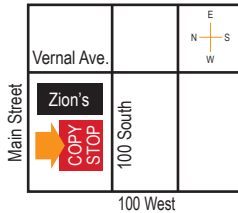


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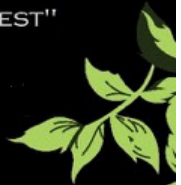
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Thank you for coming to tonight's production of *The Nerd*. I have truly enjoyed directing this show and working with such a talented cast and amazing crew.

In *The Nerd*, we find humor in the absurdity of the show, but beneath the surface, there's a deeper, more poignant message about the people in our lives. The story of Willum, Tansy, Axel, and the ever-present presence of Rick Steadman reminds us of how our relationships shape who we are and who we can become.

In a world often focused on individual success and isolation, *The Nerd* urges us to remember that no one is an island. It's the people around us—sometimes the awkward, frustrating, or unpredictable ones—that help us grow, change, and discover new things about ourselves.

So, while you'll laugh at the absurdity of the show's antics, take a moment to reflect on the relationships in your own life and the people who, perhaps unknowingly, shape you into who you are. Their influence is immeasurable, and it's the connections we share with the people around us that truly make life meaningful.

Justin Benson

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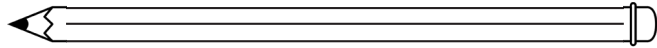


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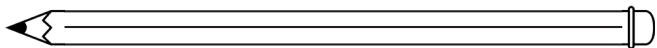
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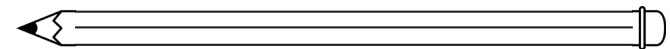
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Director..... Justin Benson
Advisor Director..... David Gale
Stage Manager..... Daniel Jackson
Assistant Stage Manager Heather Bascom
Costumes Kim Benson
Props Ashley Slaugh
Sound Technician..... Jodi Kelsey
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Set Painting McKenna Christiansen, Nashelle Jackson
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CAST BIOS



BRADLEY STODDARD *Thor*

Bradley is excited to perform in his fifth Vernal Theatre: LIVE production as “Thor Waldgrave” in *The Nerd*. His past roles include the “Teacher” in *Singing in the Rain Jr.*, “Charlie” in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, and “Greytag” in *Honk! JR.* Bradley loves being on stage and bringing characters to life. He thanks his family and friends for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!



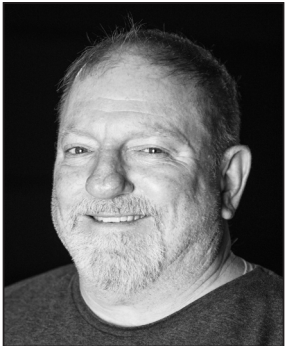
GRANT STODDARD *Rick*

“One of the darnedest character actors” you will ever see, Grant is thrilled to be performing on stage for a fourth time in Vernal Theatre: LIVE’s production of *The Nerd*. Grant previously starred as “Frank Churchill” in *Jane Austen’s Emma*, “Dr. Halifax” in *The Forgotten Carols*, and the villainous “Marquis St. Evrémonde” in *A Tale of Two Cities*. This is his first non-musical, and he hopes you’ll laugh yourself silly at the antics of Rick Steadman tonight. “Okay?”



HOLLY ALLRED *Clelia*

Holly has been back in theater for about six years since taking an 18 year break after high school. Out of all the shows she’s done, this is the first one she and her forever honey have been in together. “All the love and thanks for holding down the fort Maycee, Bella, Jak, and Joye. Thanks for all the laughs, cast mates.”



JEFF ALLEN *Waldgrave*

“Thanks to Vernal Theatre: LIVE for creating this spot for theatrical magic.” Jeff is thrilled to be back on stage in the role of “Waldgrave”, but you can call him “Ticky”. This is the role for Jeff, the role chosen specifically for Jeff, Jeff’s role. Oh yeah. It’s all comin’ together.

CAST BIOS



JUSTIN ALLRED *Axel*

Justin has been doing theater since high school, running lights and building set. This is his fourth time being on stage and his first time being IN a show with his wife, and he has had a blast making new friends and spending time with his wife.



KELSIE PUGH *Tansy*

Kelsie is thrilled to return to the stage after debuting last season in *Fools*. Though most of her acting experience is in film and TV (*The Chosen*, *Yellowstone*, Hallmark movies), she loves all kinds of storytelling. She recently launched Tilly Marie, a classic storytelling YouTube channel for kids, believing stories can shape hearts, spark imagination, and connect generations. She’s grateful to God and her family for their love and support, and to the audience for taking part in this artistic experience tonight!



TC GEORGE *Willum*

TC has always loved theatre and with 26 shows under his belt here at Vernal Theatre: LIVE, he has grown to love it even more. From the tech booth to the stage, he can’t get enough. He hopes you enjoy this crazy show that this amazing cast and crew have put together for you! He sends his thanks and love to his family and friends who have supported him!

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